

Reading Grade 7

Reading is fundamental to all learning and supports us as lifelong learners. It can open our minds to people, places, and ideas beyond our own experiences. It gives us the knowledge we need to make informed choices as responsible citizens in a democratic society. One needs only to browse the Internet to realize how much information is available to us at our fingertips. Understanding what we read, using the wealth of information available to us, and thinking critically about what we read are crucial skills to function successfully in today's world.

About the Test

AIMS DPA Reading will present several passages to read, both fiction and nonfiction. You may also be given informational text to read – for example, labels or pages from manuals. The questions will measure your ability to understand, interpret, and analyze what you have read. There are approximately 84 multiple-choice reading items. Thirty-nine items are AIMS questions, 15 items are *TerraNova* and AIMS DPA questions, and 30 items represent ten *TerraNova* reading questions and 20 *TerraNova* language arts questions. The test should be completed in approximately 1-2 hours. One sample passage is provided in this guide followed by a set of questions. Reading this passage and answering the questions may help you prepare for the test. An answer key is included in this guide.

Hints for Taking AIMS DPA Reading

- You will be asked to read different types of fiction and nonfiction, so adjust your reading to your purpose. Read each passage and the accompanying questions carefully.
- Think about each question before you respond.
- In the multiple-choice questions, choose the **best** response to the question. Read all answers before making your selection.
- Manage your time so that you won't feel rushed answering questions that require more thought. **This is not a timed test**, but you do want to use your time well.
- Answer all items.

Reading Sample Passage

LEXILE 740L
**Oakview
Community
Center
Origami Classes**

Hurry!
Classes fill quickly.
Registration ends May 21.

**Be the FIRST in your
school to learn this
fascinating craft.**

Select from the following classes:

Ceremonial Origami – Make your next party a real **hit!** Decorate with colorful paper-folded boats and fish. You'll learn how to make these decorations and many more.
Begins
Monday, June 1

Performance Origami – Entertain family and friends. You'll learn stories to tell while creating an origami shape. For example, you'll fold paper into a graceful pine tree while telling the story of "Little Pine Grows Up."
Begins
Wednesday, June 3

Play Origami – Be the babysitter that youngsters ask their parents to call. You'll learn to fold paper into frogs that can be made to jump and other fun toys.
Begins
Friday, June 5

All classes are 6 weeks long. Each class costs \$20.00 plus a materials fee of \$10.00. See the Activity Director at the Center to register or for more information.

**Members of the student council say that this
is the best class they have ever taken!**

1 What is the author’s purpose for writing this advertisement?

- A** to inform
- B** to describe
- C** to persuade
- D** to entertain

2 According to the author, how can the reader entertain family and friends with origami?

- A** learn how to fold paper into frogs
- B** learn to tell stories while folding the shapes
- C** learn about the story, “Little Pine Grows Up”
- D** learn how to decorate with colorful paper shapes

3 Which of these has the same meaning for ceremonial as used in the passage?

- A** done for young people
- B** done to have fun
- C** done to amuse others
- D** done for special occasions

4 Read this sentence from the passage.

Be the **FIRST** in your school to learn this fascinating craft.

Why does the author use all capital letters in the word **FIRST**?

- A** to persuade the reader to take a class
- B** to express an abbreviation of a group name
- C** to show the title of a passage
- D** to indicate the first step of directions

5 Read this statement from the passage.

“Members of the student council say that this is the best class they have ever taken.”

What was the author’s purpose for including this statement?

- A to express the author’s belief about origami
- B to encourage the reader to join student council
- C to provide facts to describe the class
- D to get the reader to go along with the others

6 Which of these is **not** included in this passage?

- A the cost to take the classes
- B a description of each class
- C the time of day each class begins
- D where to go to register for the classes

7 Which of the following was **not** suggested in this passage?

- A to teach the origami classes
- B to host a fun origami party
- C to entertain family with origami
- D to use origami to be the best babysitter

8 Which of these statements is an opinion?

- A All classes last 6 weeks.
- B Registration ends May 21.
- C Ceremonial Origami classes begin Monday, June 1st.
- D Make your next party a real **hit**.

Scoring Key

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Question #1: C
Question #2: B
Question #3: D
Question #4: A
Question #5: D
Question #6: C
Question #7: A
Question #8: D